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ISIS claims Sri Lanka blasts as gov't says probe is progressing

Sources said intelligence officials were warned by India hours prior to the attacks.

A soldier stands guard during a mass burial of victims at a cemetery near St. Sebastian Church in Negombo. REUTERS

Islamic State claimed responsibility on Tuesday for the bomb attacks in Sri Lanka that killed 321 people in what officials believe was retaliation for assaults on mosques in New Zealand.

The claim, issued through the group's AMAQ news agency, was made after Sri Lanka said two domestic Islamist groups with suspected links to foreign militants were suspected to have been behind the attacks at three churches and four hotels. About 500 people were wounded in the bombings.

Three sources told Reuters that Sri Lankan intelligence officials had been warned hours earlier by India that attacks by Islamists were imminent. It was not clear what action, if any, was taken.

President Maithripala Sirisena said he would change the heads of the defense forces following their failure to act on the intelligence.

"I will completely restructure the police and security forces in the coming weeks. I expect to change the heads of defense establishments within the next 24 hours," Sirisena said in an address to the nation.

"The security officials who got the intelligence report from a foreign nation did not share it with me. I have decided to take stern action against these officials."

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe told a news conference investigators were making progress in identifying the perpetrators.

"We will be following up on [ISIS] claims, we believe there may be some links," he said.

The government has said at least seven suicide bombers were involved.

In a statement, Islamic State named what it said were the seven attackers who carried out the attacks. It gave no further evidence to support its claim of responsibility.

Th hardline militant group, who have lost the territory they once held in Syria and Iraq to Western-backed forces, later released a video on Amaq showing eight assailants, seven of whom were masked, pledging allegiance to Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

Reuters could not independently verify the claim and authorities did not officially identify the assailants.

Earlier, junior minister for defense Ruwan Wijewardene told parliament two Sri Lankan Islamist groups — the National Thawheed Jama'ut and Jammiyathul Millathu Ibrahim — were responsible for the blasts, which detonated during Easter services and as hotels served breakfast.

The first six bombs — on three churches and three luxury hotels — exploded within 20 minutes of each other. Two more explosions — at a downmarket hotel and a house in a suburb of the capital, Colombo — took place in the early afternoon.

Wickremesinghe said the militants had tried to attack another hotel but had failed.

Sri Lankan government and military sources said a Syrian had been detained among 40 people being questioned over the bombs.

Most of the dead and wounded were Sri Lankans, although government officials said 38 foreigners were killed. That included British, U.S., Australian, Turkish, Indian, Chinese, Danish, Dutch and Portuguese nationals.

The U.N. Children's Fund said 45 children were among the dead.

Footage on CNN showed what it said was one of the bombers wearing a heavy backpack. The man patted a child on the head before entering the Gothic-style St. Sebastian church in Katuwapitiya, north of Colombo. Dozens were killed there.

"RETALIATION"

Wijewardene said investigators believed revenge for the March 15 killing of 50 people at two mosques during Friday prayers in the New Zealand city of Christchurch was the motive.

"The initial investigation has revealed that this was in retaliation for the New Zealand mosque attack," he said.

He did not elaborate on why authorities believed there was a link to the New Zealand bloodshed, unleashed by a lone gunman.

The bombs brought a shattering end to a relative calm that had existed in the Buddhist-majority country since a civil war against mostly Hindu, ethnic Tamil separatists ended 10 years ago, and raised fears of a return to sectarian violence.

Sri Lanka's 22 million people include minority Christians, Muslims and Hindus. Until now, Christians had largely managed to avoid the worst of the island's conflict and communal tensions.

Pressure is likely to mount on the government over why effective action had not been taken in response to warnings from India about a possible attack on churches by the little-known National Thawheed Jama'ut group.

Indian intelligence officers contacted their Sri Lankan counterparts two hours before the first attack to warn of a specific threat on churches, one Sri Lankan defense source and an Indian government source said.

Another Sri Lankan defense source said a warning came "hours before" the first strike. REUTERS

Biden to announce 2020 election run on Thursday

2 Former Vice President Joe Biden will announce on Thursday that he is seeking the Democratic Party's presidential nomination for the 2020 election, a source familiar with the plans said on Tuesday. Biden, 76, would join a crowded field of nearly 20 other candidates seeking to defeat President Donald Trump. Biden is expected to make his announcement by video and would bring an end to months of speculation about whether he would challenge Trump, who followed Obama in the White House following his 2016 victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton. Next Monday, Biden will meet with union workers in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a pivotal state that backed Trump in 2016, the source said. Trips will follow to all four early voting states — Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada — in coming weeks, the source said, adding the details were still being completed. REUTERS

Smollett lawyers sued by alleged hoax accomplices

3 Two Nigerian-American brothers wrapped up in Jussie Smollett's Chicago hate-crime hoax sued the "Empire" actor's lawyers on Tuesday, accusing them of defamation for insisting they had "criminally attacked" the actor even after police concluded otherwise. Olabinjo and Abimbola Osundairo were briefly taken into custody as Chicago police investigated the alleged January incident in which Smollett, who is black and gay, said he was assaulted by two men who shouted racist and homophobic slurs and wrapped a noose around his neck. Police later concluded that Smollett staged the attack for publicity. Prosecutors brought and then abruptly dropped hoax charges against the actor on March 26, a stunning move that drew the fury of the city's police superintendent and mayor. REUTERS

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The Boy Scouts of America compiled a list of sexual misconduct in "perversion files," which document sexual abuse instances dating as far back as the 1940s up to 2007, that were kept secret from the public. GETTY IMAGES

Hundreds of NY and NJ troop leaders listed in Boy Scouts' 'perversion files'

New and troubling details about systemic sexual abuse in the Boy Scouts of America are coming to light.

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Troubling new details of about 200 Boy Scout leaders in New York and New Jersey accused of sexually abusing children were released on Tuesday, according to the New York Post.

The accused leaders worked in New York and New Jersey, according to law firms representing the victims. The Boy Scouts of America is known to have compiled a list of sexual misconduct in "perversion files," which document sexual abuse instances dating as far back as the 1940s up to 2007, that were kept secret from the public. The law firms allege that there are more than 7,000 child sex abusers in the Boy Scouts, according to the Post.

Fifty-two former Boy Scouts leaders from New Jersey who allegedly committed sexual abuse against boys as part of the "perversion files" were listed by a law firm committed to exposing the internally covered systemic-abuse allegations, according to NJ.com.

The Boy Scouts of America has in the past released pages of its "ineligible volunteer files," which first came to light in 2012. The leaders named in these files are among about 7,000 child sex abusers with connection to the Boy Scouts nationwide, lawyers allege.

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According to Jeff Anderson of the New York-based Jeff Anderson & Associates law firm, there are 12,254 victims in the "ineligible volunteer files." On Tuesday, 130 former leaders were named, including priests, according to Anderson.

"They may have removed them from scouting, but the Boy Scouts of America has never alerted communities that this scout leader, this coach, this teacher is known to be a child molester," Anderson told NJ.com. "That is the real alarming fact that needs to be mentioned today. It's systemic and across the country."

The list of names, Scout troop numbers and municipalities are published on NJ.com.

The Boy Scouts of America told NBC News 4 in a statement that they "care deeply about all victims of child sex abuse and sincerely apologize to anyone who was harmed during their time in Scouting."

AbusedInScouting.com posted the following statement: "These sexual predators took advantage of the innocence of children and/or enticed them with illegal activities. In the Boy Scouts of America files, hundreds show Scout leaders allowed boys to drink alcohol, drive cars or look at pornography. As the trust continued to build, Scout leaders would often gradually test physical boundaries during skinny dipping, group showers, sleepovers and one-on-one activities."

Specific instances of abuse have been documented on AbusedInScouting.com dating from 1971 up to 2012.

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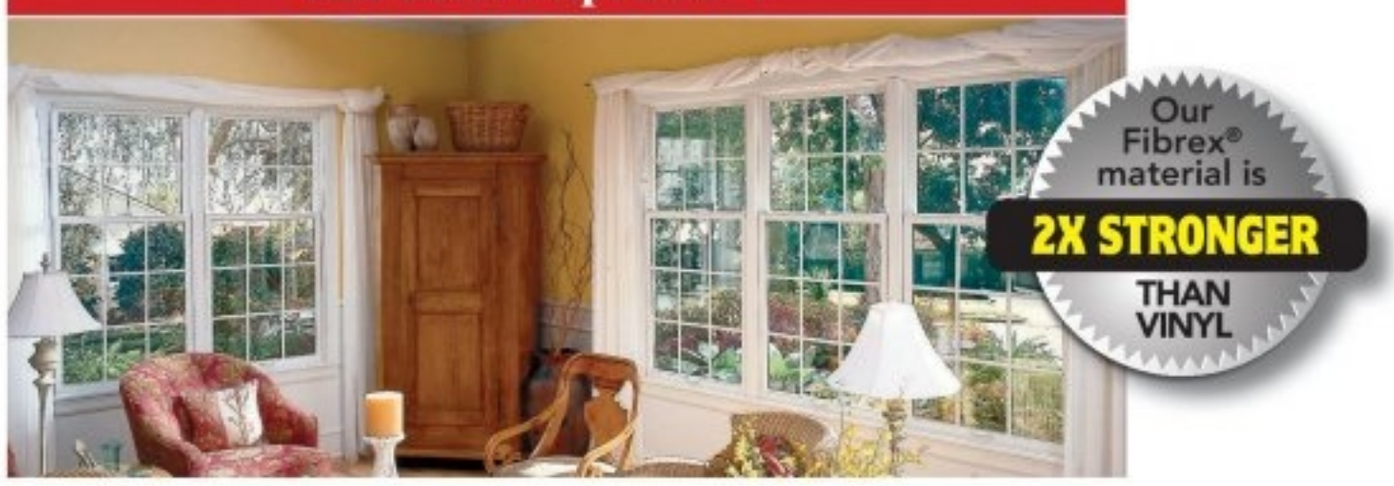

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A family came home and was fired upon by burglars in Frankford. The father and son were struck by bullets, but are expected to recover. FACEBOOK.COM/PHILLYPOLICE

Armed burglars shoot father and son in Northeast Philadelphia

Frankford family hit by gunfire during home invasion.

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Philadelphia police said that a father and son were shot and wounded by gunmen who were in the middle of robbing their home on Monday night.

According to authorities, a family of four returned home after running errands at about 9:45 p.m. in the 5200 block of Marlow Street in Frankford, and interrupted two men who had broken into the empty house in an attempted burglary.

Police reported that the two men fired at least 10 shots, striking the 33-year-old father in his arms and torso. He remains hospitalized in critical condition, while his 12-year-old son was grazed in the chest and was hospitalized in stable condition.

"As they come to the back of the home they see the rear window broke out," Philadelphia Police Captain John Walker told NBC 10. According to police, the father had jumped over a locked 6-foot gated fence to investigate the broken window and stepped onto his porch when the two men opened fire from inside the home. The man was reportedly trapped in the backyard, and was hit by multiple bullets in his arms, legs and torso, police said.

According to The Associated Press, the father has a gun permit and had a weapon in his possession.

> **"We know there could've been a gun battle in the house and we're fortunate it appears the victims will be fine at the end of this."**
> **John Walker, Philadelphia Police captain**

It's not clear if he fired any shots at the home invaders.

"We know there could've been a gun battle in the house and we're fortunate it appears the victims will be fine at the end of this," Walker told ABC 6.

The gunmen are described as being in their late 20s. One wore a gray jacket. The other man had a tattoo on his left arm and wore a red and blue jacket. The two men fled the scene, and remain at large. Authorities are looking for a gold SUV or minivan that drove away from the scene, according to witnesses.

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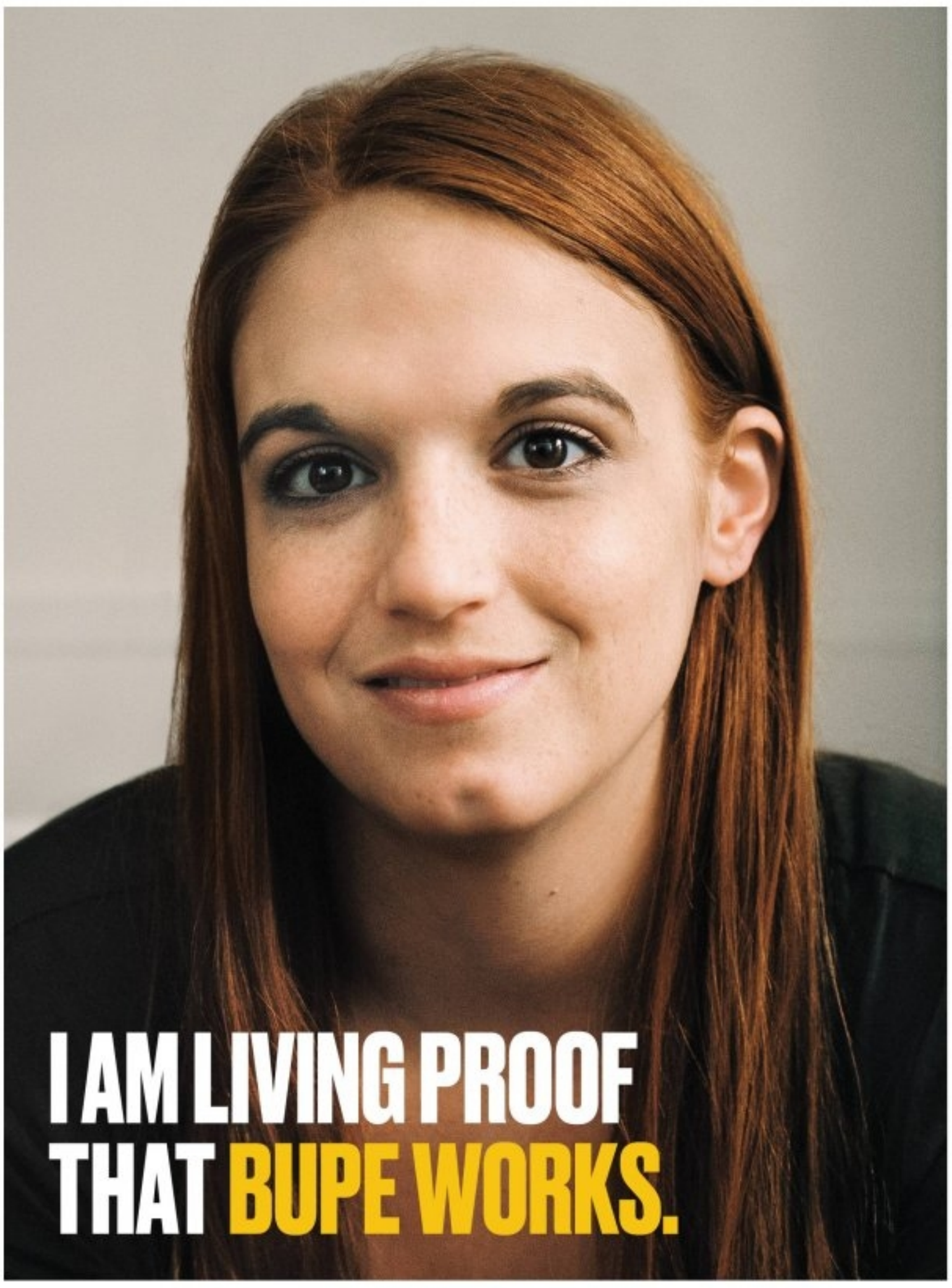

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US brings first criminal case against major drug distributor over opioids

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The U.S. government on Tuesday filed its first criminal charges against a major drug distributor and company executives over their alleged roles in fueling the nation's opioid epidemic by putting profits ahead of patients' safety.

Rochester Drug Cooperative Inc. (RDC), one of the 10 largest U.S. drug distributors, agreed to pay a $20 million fine and enter a five-year deferred prosecution agreement to resolve charges it turned a blind eye to thousands of suspicious orders for opioids.

"We made mistakes," RDC spokesman Jeff Eller said in a statement. "We accept responsibility for those mistakes."

Laurence Doud, RDC's chief executive for more than 25 years, was charged in an indictment filed in Manhattan federal court with conspiring to distribute illegal narcotics and conspiring to defraud the United States.

His lawyer said Doud, 75, of New Smyrna, Florida, plans to plead not guilty. Doud is expected to be released on bail.

Another former executive, compliance chief William Pietruszewski, 53, of Oak Ridge, New Jersey, pleaded guilty to three criminal counts and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors.

The case marks a new U.S. effort to curtail the growing number of addictions to opioids, including oxycodone and other prescription painkillers.

Opioids, including prescription painkillers and heroin, played a role in a record 47,600 U.S. overdose deaths in 2017, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"This country is in the midst of a prescription drug abuse epidemic," U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman said at a Manhattan news conference. "This epidemic has been driven by greed. As alleged, Doud cared more about profits than the laws intended to protect human life."

"RED FLAGS" ALLEGEDLY IGNORED

Hundreds of lawsuits by state and local governments accuse drugmakers such as Purdue Pharma of deceptively marketing opioids, and distributors such as AmerisourceBergen Corp., Cardinal Health Inc. and McKesson Corp. of ignoring that they were being diverted for improper uses. These defendants, as well as RDC, were among those named last month in a lawsuit by New York Attorney General Letitia James alleging widespread fraud.

In Tuesday's settlement, RDC admitted to violating narcotics laws from January 2012 to March 2017 by distributing oxycodone, fentanyl and other controlled substances to pharmacy customers despite internal "red flags" that they would be used improperly.

Berman said the red flags included dramatic increases in order sizes, pharmacy customers paying in cash, and prescriptions filled by doctors under investigation by law enforcement or on an RDC "watch list."

Prosecutors said RDC identified about 8,300 potentially suspicious "orders of interest," including for oxycodone, from 2012 to 2016, but reported just four to the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

Berman said this lax oversight enabled RDC to boost sales of oxycodone tablets more than 800 percent and fentanyl dosages roughly 2,000 percent over that period, while Doud's pay more than doubled, to more than $1.5 million.

"RDC was, in Doud's own words, the knight in shining armor for pharmacies that had been cut off by other distributors," Berman said.

The deferred prosecution agreement allows RDC to keep operating, subject to three years of independent compliance monitoring, and avoid prosecution if it complies with the terms.

Doud led RDC from September 1991 through April 2017, according to court papers.

His lawyer, Derrelle Janey, said Doud "is not the culprit here. We intend to fully defend against these charges." REUTERS

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Donald Trump on track for Supreme Court victory on census citizenship question

The court has a 5-4 conservative majority and has backed Trump in other high-profile cases.

The U.S. Supreme Court's conservative majority on Tuesday appeared poised to hand President Donald Trump a victory on his administration's plan to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census, a move opponents call a Republican effort to deter immigrants from taking part.

Conservative justices signaled during arguments in the closely watched case a willingness to overturn a lower court ruling that blocked the question and appeared untroubled by the administration's stated justification for using the citizenship question in the decennial population count. Their liberal counterparts expressed hostility toward allowing the question.

The court has a 5-4 conservative majority and has backed Trump in other high-profile cases. Conservative justices indicated a citizenship question would be eminently reasonable, noting that other countries use such questions and that the United States has done so in the past in one form or another.

Among the conservative justices indicating support for the administration's stance were Trump's two appointees, Brett Kavanaugh and Neil Gorsuch, and Chief Justice John Roberts, considered the court's pivotal vote.

Opponents have said the question would cause a sizable undercount by frightening immigrant households and Latinos from filling out the census forms, fearful that the information would be shared with law enforcement. This would cost Democratic-leaning areas electoral representation in Congress and federal aid, benefiting Trump's fellow Republicans and Republican-leaning parts of the country, they said.

The census is used to allot seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and distribute some $800 billion in federal funds.

Lower courts ruled that the administration violated federal law and the U.S. Constitution in seeking to include the question on the census form. A ruling by the Supreme Court is due by the end of June.

During about 80 minutes of arguments, Roberts and other conservative justices appeared to accept the administration's argument that the question would yield better data to enforce the Voting Rights Act, which protects eligible voters from discrimination.

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Roberts told New York Solicitor General Barbara Underwood, whose state sued to block the question, that citizenship data is critical for enforc-

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ing the Voting Rights Act and said it was "quite common" for the census to capture demographic details.

Kavanaugh said it is a "very common question" internationally, and that federal law gives Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, whose department includes the Census Bureau, "huge discretion" in how the survey is conducted.

The Supreme Court already has handed Trump some major victories, including upholding his travel ban targeting people from several Muslim-majority countries in June 2018. The court in January let Trump's policy barring many transgender people from the U.S. military to go into effect.

The census case comes in a pair of lawsuits by a group of states and localities led by New York state, and a coalition of immigrant rights groups challenging the legality of the question. The census forms are due to be printed in the coming months.

Liberal justices noted evidence presented by the Census Bureau's own experts that showed the citizenship question would lead to a population undercount, and, contrary to the administration's stated goal, less accurate citizenship data.

They also voiced skepticism about the administration's Voting Rights Act justification. REUTERS

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Kentucky Derby a trafficking magnet, officials warn

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Last year, 30 arrests or citations involving human trafficking were reported.

Human traffickers are likely to prey on vulnerable young women and children at this year's Kentucky Derby, state and local officials warned on Monday, and urged spectators to be alert to people with matching tattoos or branding marks.

The Derby, the best-known horse race in the United States, takes place this year on May 4 and is expected to draw more than 150,000 people to Louisville, Kentucky. Law enforcement officials and anti-human trafficking activists told a news conference that like most major sporting events, the world-famous race would also attract predators looking for victims and buyers of sex, sometimes known as johns.

"By raising awareness with partners, our community will be better prepared to stop traffickers at this Derby," Kentucky's Attorney General Andy Beshear said in a written statement.

"While there is no one single indicator of trafficking, there are several signs that are common in victims including traveling together, having identical tattoos, branding and not being able to identify where they are or where they are staying," Beshear said.

Pimps and traffickers are known to mark their victims with branding irons to show their control, trafficking experts say.

The attorney general's office published a poster listing possible signs that someone is a human-trafficking victim, including appearing malnourished or suffering from physical injuries, avoiding eye contact, lacking official identification, sounding scripted or rehearsed in social interactions or showing signs of a loss of time and place.

"This time of year should be filled with jubilation for everyone in our community, but unfortunately the crowds drawn for these celebratory events are used to enslave and exploit the vulnerable," Donna Pollard, founder of Louisville-based Survivors' Corner, said in the statement.

Fans who spot someone they suspect is being trafficked are urged to call 911 or the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888.

A University of Louisville study of 95 substantiated cases of child trafficking in Kentucky between 2013 and 2018 found that 87 percent of the victims were female and most were teenagers trafficked by a family member.

Last year, the attorney general's office was involved in more than 30 arrests or citations involving human trafficking, Beshear said.

The 2019 Kentucky Derby is expected to have the biggest purse in the history of the race, which was inaugurated in 1875 and is held annually on the first Saturday in May at the Churchill Downs racetrack in Louisville.

The race is the first leg of the so-called Triple Crown, which also features the Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes. REUTERS

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More than 150 infected with E. coli from ground beef: CDC

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A total of 156 people in 10 states have been infected with E. coli after eating tainted ground beef at home and in restaurants since the beginning of March, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Tuesday.

No deaths have been reported but 20 people have been hospitalized after they were infected with the strain E. coli O103 since March 1, the CDC said on its website.

The agency said an investigation is ongoing to determine the source of the contaminated ground beef that was supplied to grocery stores and restaurants.

"At this time, no common supplier, distributor or brand of ground beef has been identified," the CDC said.

The investigation began on March 28, when officials in Kentucky and Georgia notified the CDC of the outbreak. Since then, some 65 cases have been reported in Kentucky, 41 in Tennessee and another 33 in Georgia.

E. coli cases have also been reported in Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio and Virginia.

The CDC said that illnesses after March 26 may not have been reported yet because the lead time is two to three weeks.

People infected with the bacteria get sick two to eight days after swallowing the germ, and may sometimes develop a type of kidney failure.

Many of the infected people had bought large trays or chubs of ground beef from grocery stores and used the meat to make dishes like spaghetti sauce and Sloppy Joes, the agency said.

The regulator said it is not recommending that consumers avoid eating ground beef at this time, but said that consumers and restaurants should handle ground beef safely and cook it thoroughly to avoid foodborne illnesses. REUTERS

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— **Larry Penner**, *Metro US reader*

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Leo Personal goals can be made, and friendships formed. Delve into something that will encourage you to hone your skills and make changes that will alleviate emotional stress.

Virgo Don't let uncertainty take charge and ruin your plans. Participate in events that will lead to information, experience and opportunity. Put your energy where you will get the most.

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Capricorn Consider what makes you happy, and make changes to suit your needs. Fixing up your space or making adjustments to your living arrangements will encourage you to spend more time at home.

Aquarius Make changes that will help you put the past behind you and forge into the future with optimism and solid plans. Romance will have an effect on your personal life.

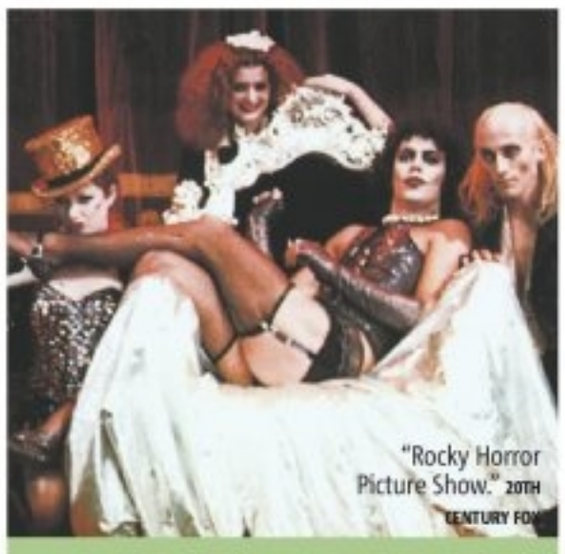
Pisces Proceed with caution and listen carefully. Someone will present a false impression or exaggerate a situation to sway your opinion. Go directly to the source and get the facts. EUGENIA LAST

'Camp': Back to the artifice

The annual fundraising gala for the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute is May 6. **LUZ LANCHEROS MWN**

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE MET GALA

The Met will use camp as a theme of this year's gala. It is based on the concept that Susan Sontag described in her 1964's essay "Notes on 'Camp.'" "Its essence is love for the unnatural: artifice and exaggeration," stated Sontag while listing several creations of the concept: Tiffany lamps, Aubrey Beardsley's drawings, Bellini's operas, King's film "Kong," singer La Lupe, women's dresses of the 20s, Flash Gordon movies, etc. Sontag separates camp from the "high culture," in which all these things would be called superficial or of a "bad taste." Camp is a rebellion against all these divisions between the "frivolous" and the "serious" that dominated art.



"Rocky Horror Picture Show." 20TH CENTURY FOX

CAMP IN POPULAR CULTURE

The term has become popular in several cultural expressions. Literature talks about wit and absurdity and includes 19th-century novels such as "Pride and Prejudice," "Little Women" and "Gone With the Wind," as well as "Breakfast at Tiffany's." But there are also pink novels from the 1980s, contemporary vampire romances such as "The Southern Vampire Mysteries" (which inspired the TV series "True Blood") and "Twilight." There are also products such as Vampirella, Barbarella... In music it has been associated mostly with the LGBTQ apology and the "flamboyant"; in the theatre, with musicals that have permeated popular culture such as "Jesus Christ Superstar" and in movies with films like "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and "Austin Powers."

CAMP ICONS

There are many, although the most representative ones are based on a transgressive idea of dressing. From Marlene Dietrich dressed as a man in "Morocco" in the '30s, through to Little Richard and the androgyny of Freddie Mercury in the '70s and David Bowie... Gay icons like Liberace, Liza Minnelli and Bette Midler, among others, as well as Madonna with "Vogue" in the '80s. Currently, Britney Spears, Mika, Lady Gaga and Beyoncé, among others, are considered camp icons.

Freddie Mercury. GETTY

CAMP ON TV

"Queer Eye" and "RuPaul's Drag Race" are considered camp. "Alf" and "I Dream of Jeannie" are also included into this category, as well as "I Love Lucy," "Gilligan's Island," "Fantasy Island," "The Beverly Hillbillies" and even "Xena" for their situations and historical inaccuracies. In animation and children's programming, "He-Man" is the most notable example, as well as the "Teletubbies," "Drawn Together," "SpongeBob SquarePants." In series format, "Glee", "Ugly Betty" and "True Blood." The iconic VH1 reality shows such as "Flavor of Love" and all the substitutes of the 2000s also fall into the category.

CAMP IN FASHION

The Met Gala will showcase more than 250 pieces from 37 designers, including Rei Kawakubo's recent collection. The flamboyant aesthetics (extravagance and feminization) that emerged in the '60s with the "Peacock Revolution" (putting an end to the schemes imposed by the Great Male Renunciation in terms of simplification of dress) re-imposed the elements once shared by men and women. The sequins, satin and glam of the '70s, as well as disco, were the background of camp, which in the exhibition will be dated from the 17th century. Creations by Schiaparelli, Thom Browne, Gucci, Moschino and Demna Gvasalia (of Vetements and Balenciaga) will be present at the event. Gucci is representative of this aesthetic in recent years.

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Opera Philadelphia's production of "La Bohème" hits the stage on April 26.

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This weekend Opera Philadelphia is bringing back a beloved classic to grace its stage- Puccini's colorful and vibrant show "La Bohème." The incredible opera first hit the stage in the City of Brotherly Love in 2012, the production was directed by David Livermore and was deemed a massive success. Now the show is back and it is going to be more stunning and awe-inspiring than ever.

According to the release, the production led by Musical Director Corrado Rovaris is drawing its inspirations from masterpieces from the treasured collections of the Barnes Foundation and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. "La Bohéme" will showcase the gorgeous works of art through vivid projections, and the line-up includes works from Renoir, Monet, Van Gogh, Toulouse-Lautrec and Cassatt. The set and the costumes will compliment the incredible art pieces beautifully, and audiences will truly see paintings come to life right before their eyes. If you were expecting to be stunned by the music, prepare to be blown away by the visual aesthetics- together the music and art are nothing short of astounding.

"La Bohème" has always been hailed as a masterpiece, the four-act opera is a tragic love story set in Paris in the 1830s. Two star-crossed lovers, Mimi and Rodolfo try to navigate the trials and

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tribulations of life while also trying to keep a roof over their own heads and food on the table. Rodolfo is a struggling artist, and Mimi happens upon his doorstep one night, the two have an immediate connection and begin a journey on a beautiful yet calamitous love affair.

"We are thrilled to welcome the return of this dramatic and imaginative production of Puccini's beloved masterpiece La Bohème, providing a fitting conclusion to our 2018-2019 Season," said David B. Devan, General Director & President of Opera Philadelphia in a release. "The incredible collections from the Barnes Foundation and the Philadelphia Museum of Art provide a rich patina that combine with the lush melodies of Puccini to create new interactions with both art forms. We see Renoir's 'Woman Sewing' as Mimì sings of her job as a seamstress. Van Gogh's beloved 'Sunflowers' blooms in time with the love of Mimì and Rodolfo, and when he famously buys her a bonnet, we see Renoir's 'Girl With Pink Bonnet.' We are honored to bring this experience back to Philadelphia."

Grand-prize winner at the Metropolitan Opera's 2017 National Council auditions, Soprano Vanessa Vasquez will be making her company debut as the shy seamstress Mimì, opposite Evan LeRoy Johnson as Rodolfo. Baritone Troy Cook will be returning as Marcello (Cook was also in 2012's incredible production), while Opera Philadelphia Emerging Artist Ashley Marie Robillard will take on the role of Marcello's muse and sometimes girlfriend, Musetta. Other talented cast members include baritone Will Liverman, bass Peixin Chen and bass Kevin Burdette.

La Bohéme will run at the Academy of Music (240 S Broad St.) from April 26 through Sunday, May 5. For more information, showtimes and to purchase tickets visit operaphila.org

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Miller is hitting the stage in Philly this week. MALCOLM JORIS

Escaping the real world

Singer-songwriter Jake Miller gave Metro the scoop on what to expect at his show this Thursday.

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Singer-songwriter Jake Miller is hitting the stage in Philly this week, and the 26-year-old Florida native promises to produce an unforgettable feel-good show. Miller recently achieved massive success with his single "Wait For You" and also just signed with Sony Music, cementing his status as an up and coming music sensation.

Aside from the successes of his career, the "Nikes" singer really just wants to make music that impacts people in a positive way and provide an escape from the real world. Miller sat down with Metro to chat about his inspirations and give insight on what to expect at his show on April 25 at The Foundry at the Fillmore.

I noticed you write and produce your own songs, where do you gather inspiration from when you write?
I listen to every type of music, so I'm a big fan of anyone from Frank Sinatra to John Mayer to Pharrell. I think I kind of just take all of my music interests and put them all together and that's what creates my style. In terms of what I write about, I always just write about what I'm going through and real-life experiences. I think it's really important that I connect with my own music and that's the only way the world will connect with my music.

Your previous albums were independent, but you signed with Sony for your latest one, how has it been working with your new label?
It's been amazing, they've still given me all of the creative control so I still get to write and produce all of my own music, but using all of the resources of a major label and just having them behind me makes it a lot easier for me. It's just really motivating and it inspires me, it makes me want to make even better music and deliver even more creative visuals and take everything to the next level knowing that I have a great team behind me working day in and out.

The single "Wait For You" from your latest album is obviously a hit, what is that song about?
It's really just about waiting for somebody that you love to make up their mind. You know that they're worth it so you're going to wait for them to go through whatever they are going through and you'll be waiting for them on the other side.

Do you have a favorite song from your latest album?
I have a few for different reasons. I love "Wait For You" just because of the success of it—it's really inspiring, and hearing it on the radio means everything to me. I also love the song called "Nikes" and there's a song called "Skinny Dip" that's kind of like a country song, just really cool melodies and lyrics, it's very nostalgic.

How would you describe your music style to someone who has never heard your music before?
I would say positive, and there's just something in it that feels fun. It's uplifting and you can listen to it no matter what age you are, what ethnicity or what gender. I think everybody can listen to my music and just feel good, same thing with my shows. You can come to my shows and it's just two hours where you can escape the crazy world and just enjoy good music and good vibes. That's everything that I strive for.

What are some of your hopes and goals for your career?
I just want to keep making music that makes people happy and positively impacts people. In terms of actual goals, I would love to have a platinum song, you know have that one song that blows up and everybody knows it. I would love to win a Grammy one day, but as long as I can keep doing what I'm doing and gradually get bigger and bigger, have the fan base grow and the music gets better—that's all I can really ask for.

Overall what can fans expect when they attend a concert of yours?
Just an amazing vibe, you can escape from all of your problems for a few hours and just escape from the real world. I'm on stage having the time of my life—definitely, a cardio workout, jumping around, smiling and laughing. Just an all around good time, definitely a night that people won't regret.

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Holding the No. 25 pick in the first round of the 2019 NFL Draft, which begins tomorrow night, the Philadelphia Eagles have plenty of holes to fill despite being a team that was a win away from the NFC Championship Game for a second-straight season.

Even with a pick deeper in the first round, Philadelphia's needs can be addressed quite well given the positions that must be addressed. A deeper draft class also provides the promise of the Eagles getting a top-tier talent in the process.

Here are four possible prospects the Eagles might take in the first round tomorrow night in Nashville.

CHAUNCEY GARDNER-JOHNSON

Position: S
School: Florida
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 210 lbs.

Why the Eagles could pick him: Gardner-Johnson is a well-built, athletic defensive back that improved on his tackling ability during his junior year at Florida enough to see him shoot up draft boards.

His versatility in coverage though is what makes him such an appealing target, especially for an Eagles team that needs help in the secondary.

Gardner-Johnson has the capability of being a slot defender that can step up and add help to the run defense while providing an extra dimension to the pass rush on blitzes. He'll most likely be a Cover-1 high safety that will be tasked in taking away the big plays downfield and over the top.

There is no reason as to why he couldn't start immediately upon his arrival in Philadelphia.

CHRISTIAN WILKINS

Position: DT
School: Clemson
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 315 lbs.

While the Eagles have a solid core at defensive tackle in Fletcher Cox and Malik Jackson, the depth chart behind them remains hazy besides Treyvon Hester.

Wilkins is a run-stuffing talent that could be slotted in right alongside Cox to create an imposing duo up front. Given his familiarity with the three-technique, he would be able to slot in seamlessly into the Eagles' defensive line.

The Clemson product is plenty of capable of making plays outside the interior of the trenches and holds the pass-rushing capability to see him develop into more than just a run-stopping specialist.

MARQUISE BROWN

Position: WR
School: Oklahoma
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 166 lbs.

Brown is considered by many to be one of the most explosive receivers available in the draft based on his pure speed. Injuries robbed pro scouts of seeing the

receiver run the 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine, though Brown is adamant that he would have broken John Ross' 2017 record of 4.22 seconds.

While he's undersized, which creates questions of his ability to make contested catches and his long-term durability in the NFL, Brown's speed makes him a dangerous vertical threat. Not to mention his ability to gain yards after the catch on short slants.

A receiver he's drawn comparisons to, DeSean Jackson, is 32 years old and brings questions of just how long he can be effective within the Carson Wentz-led offense. Nelson Agholor also has just one season left on his contract before he hits unrestricted free agency.

Brown would offer the Eagles some future depth at the position with a talent that could promise to be the best receiver to come out of the draft.

CHRIS LINDSTROM

Position: OG
School: Boston College
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 308 lbs.

After letting Nick Foles walk in free agency and placing all their baskets in the oft-injured Wentz, the Eagles need to do everything in their power to protect the franchise quarterback.

At the guard position, Stefen Wisniewski is gone to free agency while Brandon Brooks continues to recover from an Achilles injury. That leaves the Eagles with Matt Pryor, who hasn't played in a regular-season NFL game yet, and Issac Seumalo.

Lindstrom not only adds depth, but he also gives the Eagles a versatile offensive lineman that can slot in at tackle if needed. That's an important factor considering Jason Peters is on his last legs at 37 years old and continues to battle knee issues that cropped up last season.

The BC product is a quick guard with the lateral mobility to get almost anywhere on the line to protect Wentz. He also has the athleticism needed to get to the second level, which will help the run game.

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This year's draft will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, and for the first time ever you will be able to legally bet on the player-selection process.

DraftKings Sportsbook has a ton of draft-related odds this week, including whether or not Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray will be selected No. 1 overall. The odds for Murray to be picked first have fallen from -590 to -500 at DraftKings; at its shortest, Murray was -1000 to be picked No. 1, back on March 31.

Murray isn't exactly a lock to be taken by the Cardinals, as CBS Sports' Pete Prisco reported late last week.

"Initally the [Arizona] ownership pushed for Kyler Murray," Prisco said. "That much I know. I was told that. The reason they did is that they were having a hard time selling tickets. They put it out there. Arizona was lukewarm to it so now all of a sudden they're pulling back, from what I've been told. They're going in a different direction. They're not going to draft Kyler Murray."

NBC Sports' Peter Kings also recently said he now has his doubts that Murray will be picked by the Cards.

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Washington Capitals vs. Carolina Hurricanes

Washington has posted a 7-3 record in its last 10 first round playoff games and it has gone a perfect 6-0 in its last six playoff games where it was listed as the favorite. The Hurricanes, on the other hand, have struggled a bit in the spot they are in here tonight as they have gone just 2-6 in their last eight road games and they have lost each of their last six games where they were listed as the underdog. Throw in the fact that the Caps have won 19 of the last 28 head-to-head meetings between the two teams and we're laying the price with them here to get the Game 7 win at home.

THE PICK:
Capitals -145

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The NBA playoffs are well underway and the Sixers are likely to play deep into May, if not June.

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Betting breakdown of the NBA playoffs

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Are the Bucks as good as they looked when sweeping the Pistons?

Getting a proper read on Milwaukee could be key to having a profitable NBA postseason. They are the current favorites to win the Eastern Conference as a red-hot 1 seed. Barring injuries, they have the talent to give likely Western Conference winner Golden State a run for its money in the finals. Betting markets have clearly underpriced Milwaukee throughout the 2018-19 campaign.

Big (and fast) Bucks make big bucks

Regular season: 47-31-4 against the spread (60 percent cover rate)

Playoffs: 4-0 against the spread (by 23, 6, 7, and 11 points)

That's 51-31-4 this year. Even after you factor in the standard 10 percent vigorish (bettors must risk $11 to win $10 on every bet, or anything in that ratio), that's a record of 51 wins, 34.1 losses and four pushes for a profit of almost 16 betting units. Clearly the best point spread record in the league, even though oddsmakers usually shade against "great" teams because that's who the public wants to bet.

The public was obviously paying more attention to other teams. Frankly, sharps (professional bettors) were as well. EVERYONE underestimated the talent level on the Bucks…and their ability to run up the score with a fast-paced attack.

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What has to be remembered, though, is that Detroit really wasn't a playoff-caliber team when the postseason began. The Pistons snuck into the 8 seed in the East despite losing seven of their last 11 regular-season games. With Blake Griffin badly hobbled by an injury, they were no match for the Bucks.

The Boston Celtics have a much better chance of matching up, coming off a four-game sweep of the Indiana Pacers … as will whomever Milwaukee would face in the Eastern C Finals if it advances.

Vegas opened Milwaukee as a -250 favorite over Boston even before the Bucks had finished off the Pistons. Boston returns +200 if you bet them to spring the full series upset.

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10:30 pm	**NBA Basketball** LA Clippers vs. Golden State Warriors	TNT

NBA playoffs Wednesday betting previews

Two NBA playoff series could reach their conclusion Wednesday with a pair of Game 5s on the docket.

Jazz at Rockets
Moneyline: Jazz +320, Rockets -400
Total: 213 points
The Rockets should be able to take care of business and eliminate the Jazz at the Toyota Center in Game 5 of their quarterfinal series.

The Rockets, 10th in defense during the regular season at 108.7 points allowed per game, have really tightened things up — allowing just 99 points per game during this series. Expect James Harden and company to post another convincing victory to send the Jazz packing.
The play: Rockets -6.5

Clippers at Warriors
Moneyline: Clippers +1000, Warriors -1500
Total: 235 points
The Warriors seek to put away the Clippers in Game 5 at the Oracle Arena on Wednesday night.

When these teams last faced off at Oracle in Game 2, the Clippers pulled off a historic 31-point comeback. But other than that tilt, L.A. has shot a very poor 39.8 percent against the Warriors. That's a recipe for disaster against a team that has Stephen Curry and Kevin Durant. Golden State was first in field goal percentage (49.2 percent) in the regular season.

Per Covers.com, the Warriors are 6-1 against the spread in their last seven games on two days of rest, while the Clippers are 1-6 against the spread in their last seven games in the same situation.
The play: Warriors -14

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Harper still showing hot head with Phils

The All-Star was ejected for the first time as a Phillie on Monday night.

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Bryce Harper was ejected for the 12th time in his career on Monday night. GETTY IMAGES

All the money in the world still isn't buying Bryce Harper much patience.

The Phillies' $330 million man blew his stack on Monday night during a 5-1 loss against the New York Mets in the fourth inning when he was ejected for yelling at umpire Mark Carlson from the dugout.

Harper continued chirping at Carlson for four batters after he was called out on strikes on a high fastball from Steven Matz that just missed the zone. However, it was a borderline call that was too close to take in a two-strike count.

Carlson's decision to eject Harper after the incessant chirping prompted manager Gabe Kapler to come bounding out of the dugout with Harper not too far behind.

Kapler had to restrain Harper, who proceeded to bump his manager into Carlson before things cooled down.

It was Harper's 12th career ejection, making him the first Phillie to be thrown out of a game since Justin De Fratus in June of 2015. Only Matt Kemp, who made his MLB debut six years before Harper, has more ejections among active players with 14.

His ensuing absence headlined the Phillies' loss, allowing the Mets to move back into a tie for first place in the hotly-contested NL East as every divisional game — even in April — carries considerable weight.

Unlike his first seven MLB seasons with the Washington Nationals, though, Harper simply wasn't given a pass for his actions. The 27-year-old's shtick in the nation's capital was to be that brooding superstar who made his dissatisfaction with umpires clear and apparent.

Now in Philadelphia, his teammates look as though they will help hold him accountable for his actions. At least, that's what starting pitcher Jake Arrieta attempted to do following Monday night's game.

"We need him in right field. I don't care how bad [the umpire] is. I need him in right field. I need him at the plate and he wasn't there," Arrieta said. "So that hurts. He missed some pitches but for both sides. If that's the case, that happens on a nightly basis usually. The umpire is going to miss some calls. So what? Next pitch. We've got a game to play."

After Harper had five innings in the clubhouse to compose himself, he stepped up and took responsibility.

"I have to stay in that game for the organization, the fans. I have to do better," he said. "These games matter. They matter now, they matter in September."

"It just can't happen. In a game like that against the Mets, division rival, things like that, it just can't happen. For myself and this team, as well. We're a better team with me in the lineup and I have to stay in that game."

It's one thing to say it, it's another thing to show composure. Harper losing his cool has become commonplace, especially in high-leverage situations or hostile environments.

In a season that is probably going to see the divisional race come down to three or even four teams, it's a dangerous prospect that will loom over the Phillies should things go wrong, even for a moment. Even if it's in the fourth inning of an April game.

"I'm usually zero-to-100 anyways, so I feel like all my ejections it's usually pretty calm, and then 'bam!'" Harper said. "Once it happens, try to let it out, I guess."

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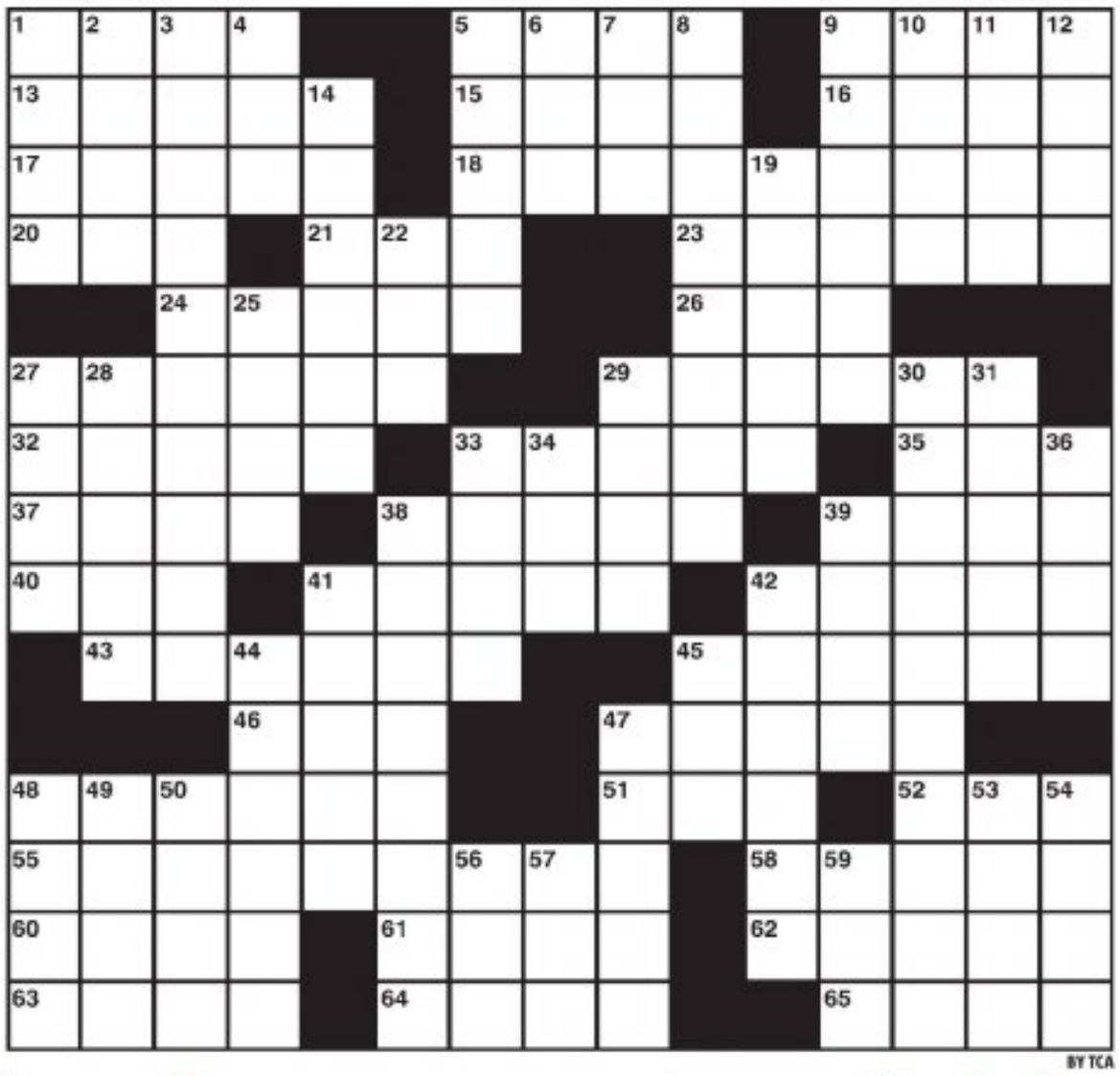

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55 Reckless risk-taker
58 Piece of furniture
60 Word of disgust
61 Calcutta robe
62 Loses one's footing
63 Stitches
64 Staircase piece
65 Final

DOWN

1 Singer Fitzgerald
2 Meander
3 Frighten
4 Hair covering
5 Misplaces
6 Org. for MDs & others
7 Metal fastener
8 Jut
9 Customer
10 Knock down a building
11 Finished; done
12 Womanizers
14 Keep
19 Elementary school grade
22 "Message __ Bottle"; 1999 film
25 12/24 & 12/31
27 Tiny branch
28 Equestrian
29 Tumor
30 Fear of heights
31 Depart
33 Courageous deed
34 Get __ of; shed
36 Peepers
38 Inattentive
39 Boast
41 __-minded; liberal
42 Has confidence in
44 Says hi to
45 DDE's party
47 Bulb flower
48 Likelihood
49 Uncommon
50 Sketch
53 Mont Blanc's range
54 Exam
56 Dyer's tub
57 Anger
59 Everyone

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K	E	I	N	N	O	D	G	W	K
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N	D	W	A	H	L	B	E	R	G

Block
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Boy Band
Donnie
Don't Go
Girl
Hangin'
Kids
Mark
New
NKOTB
Pop
Step
Tough
Wahlberg

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